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I urge you to REJECT the proposed Microsoft settlement.

The proposal will have very little effect on Microsoft's proven anti-competitive behavior. They will continue to abuse their power over OEMs to discriminate against alternative operating systems. They will continue to pursue unfair license agreements that will make it nearly impossible for OEMs to ship any other operating system.

Microsoft has, in the past, used its high market share to pressure hardware manufacturers to not ship any competing operating system. They have done this by fixing markedly different price levels for those manufacturers that enter into an exclusive agreement to ship only Windows; while those who refuse are charged much higher rates, and cannot compete.

The proposal does nothing to stop this, and therefore must be rejected.

Sincerely,

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